

OPINIONS

THE
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BOX:

How do you spend your Easter vacation?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Chris Valencia, Granite City
"I try to spend my vacation with my family and friends."



John James, Granite City
"Usually I have dinner with my family. Sometimes we go to a nice restaurant. Other times we just have dinner at home."



Gloria Knoebeloch, Granite City
"I spend my Easter with my family. I believe in old family traditions."



Joe Frangoulis, Granite City
"I like to be with my grandchildren, my wife and go to Hardee's to see a lot of my friends and relax. Like any other day, I try to help those in need. There are a lot of nice people out there."



Marilyn Matsko, Granite City
"My holidays revolve around my children. We discuss the meaning of it, then we enjoy it in the best possible way."

Editorial

Endorsements

Residents of the Tri-Cities area have several decisions to make in the April 1 election. Our endorsements follow.

Granite City

Four qualified candidates are seeking the mayor's seat. All four men have experience in government, and each has contributed worthwhile ideas throughout the campaign.

Dewey Motil has some very valid concerns about property values, and he has shown he is familiar with problem-solving techniques. Motil is unquestionably a man of integrity and modesty. Yet, we have heard next to nothing from him in the way of specific solutions. Real leadership includes not only identifying problems, but also proposing solutions to those problems.

David Partney is convinced that he can increase efficiency by eliminating township government and by hiring a full-time city attorney and city engineer. Those ideas are at least worthy of consideration.

Ray Bowes, the "dark horse" in the election, has produced a wealth of concrete ideas: a \$4 million senior housing development; a housing court to resolve disputes, a process to improve the code process and eliminate code violations; community policing; and an aggressive marketing and economic development strategy.

But we think incumbent Mayor Ron Selph deserves a shot at another four years leading the city.

He was at a distinct disadvantage when he took office four years ago. He inherited a terrible relationship between the city and its union workers and contractors. Some had died and some of them had expired more than a year before. He immediately had to deal with flooding problems that caused millions of dollars in damage to the sewer system. And he had to deal with a City Council that was at the time threatening to take him to court to make him vacate the office.

What has Selph accomplished? All union contracts are now settled and the city's relationship with workers is on solid ground.

The city has repaired its damaged sewers and recovered more than \$4 million in repair costs from the federal and state governments.

And Selph has a better working relationship with the City Council than any other mayor in the past decade. That is leadership.

During Selph's first four years, industry has invested more than \$150 million in Granite City. As a result, unemployment is at its lowest in 10 years.

Mayor Ron Selph deserves re-election.

Former Alderman Jim Miller has made the city treasurer's race a referendum on the need

for a full-time treasurer. He has said he will make it an advisory position, increase accessibility during non-business hours and return \$80,000 to the taxpayers over four years.

Incumbent Treasurer Gail Valle has said her position is vital to the city and that City Hall staff is already over worked.

Miller points out that many of the responsibilities previously handled by the treasurer are now eliminated or taken care of by the comptroller's office. Valle did not respond to the comptroller's "watch dog."

But when it comes to qualifications, an ocean separates these candidates.

Miller has a bachelor's degree in economics and has been a manager of audit and treasury operations at Union Electric Co. for nearly 20 years, where he has invested tens of millions of dollars in the company.

Valle is a lifelong city employee with a certificate from a municipal treasurers' group. Who do you want handling your money?

Elect Jim Miller city treasurer.

— Re-elect City Clerk Judy Whittaker.

The current City Council has computerized her office, added services and made records more accessible since taking office three years ago. Her opponent, Scott Wilson, has been nearly invisible during the campaign.

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Emerald Dawes has proved he can do the job; we endorse incumbents Casmer Skubik, Craig Tarpoff, Nick Petriello, Foster Frederick, Eddie Aszkenasy, Walter Miller and Kim Affolter, all aldermen in Granite City.

Two men are seeking the township supervisor post held for decades by the late Nellie Hagnauer. Both Bob Shipley and Dan McGuire are sincere and hard-working men who have pledged to maintain and improve services without increasing taxes.

Either man would make a good supervisor. But we feel Shipley's experience as a township trustee and his relationship with current Supervisor Bob Hagnauer set him apart. Elect Bob Shipley township supervisor.

All three candidates for the Granite City Park District Board of Commissioners are qualified. Incumbent aldermen working for Ron Motil, Dave Dabek and Brian Patterson have all contributed countless hours to the park district.

Unfortunately, only two can be elected. Re-elect Ron Motil to the park district.

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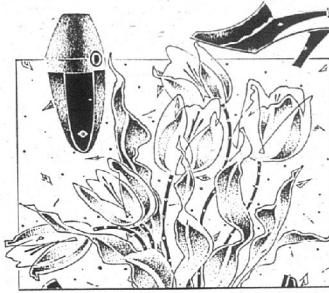
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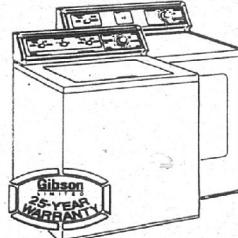
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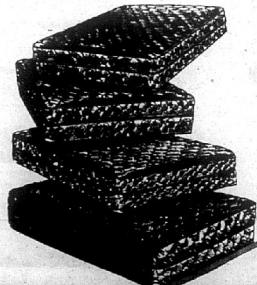
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And they're off! —
Above, Wilson School kindergartners rush forward to get the most eggs in their baskets, at the beginning of an Easter Egg hunt held the last day before Easter Break. The school's second graders hid the eggs for the kindergartners to find. At right, Niedringhaus School kindergartner Aaron Parente shows Coolidge Middle School eighth grader Scott Bowers his haul from the egg hunt held on Wilson Park Baseball Diamond 1 on the last day of school before Easter. Break, The eighth graders at Coolidge hid the eggs and each guided a kindergarten buddy from Niedringhaus around for the hunt.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Few, George Erwin

GEORGE ERWIN FEW, 47, of East Alton, formerly of Granite City, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday, March 28, 1997, at his residence. He was born Sept. 24, 1950, in East Alton, Ill.

Mr. Few was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City. Survivors include his father, Daryl B. Few, and his mother, Hildegarde M. (Klosterhuber) Few, both of Granite City; one brother, Michael V. Few, of Granite City; and his caretaker and friend, Nicki Akers.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Daryl L. Few.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, at St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Sammoki Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Doug Miller and Walter Martinez officiating.

Miscellaneous gifts are suggested to St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City or Tri-City Area Association for the Handicapped.

Clemons, Peyton

Elizabeth

PEYTON ELIZABETH CLEMONS was stillborn at 3:04 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Survivors include her parents, Michael R. Clemons and Rochelle Brewer, both of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Muriel (Dunn) and Diane and Jean Brewer of Granite City; maternal great-grandparents, Michael and Robert (Bridges) of Granite City; and paternal grandparents, Raymond and Julie Clemons of Sturtevant, Wis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at St. John Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating.

Miscellaneous gifts are suggested to the family.

Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland in Granite City.

Diak, William "Bill"

Joseph Sr.

WILLIAM "BILL" JOSEPH DIAK

SR., 59, of Granite City died at 6:02 a.m. Thursday, March 27, 1997, at St. Louis University Medical Center where he had been admitted March 16. He was born Dec. 10, 1937, in Granite City and had been a lifelong resident.

Mr. Diak was a U.S. Army veteran, had been employed by Anchor Bolt Company in St. Louis for two years as a machinist, and was a member of St. Joseph Church and member of Madison Amvets Post 204 and Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 224.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Travis of Granite City and Karen Wohlgemuth of Granite City, and a son, William J. Diak Jr., of Hopkinsville, Ky.; his mother, Mary (Mackie) Diak; one brother, Steve Diak of Madison; one sister, Delores (Strickland) of Arnold, Mo., and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 1997, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

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Dental Implant Clinic marks opening at SIUE

EDWARDSVILLE — The new state-of-the-art Dental Implant Clinic officially opened Wednesday at SIUE's University Park with five officials snipping a white ribbon laced across its glass front doors.

Inside the sparkling 8,000-square-foot clinic, officials from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine proudly showed off a large surgery room and two smaller ones, a suite of four plush dental chairs for patient examinations and routine dental work, a research lab and conference rooms.

"It's part of a much bigger development in our region — 'America's Center for Technology.' Where we are standing today, University Park is the easiest access to the greater St. Louis technology corridor. This project is the latest in the St. Louis area's long tradition of advancing technology," said SIUE Chancellor Nancy Belk, who marveled at how the project was completed on deadline in just a matter of months.

The Retko Group, a Highland-based agency owned by Korte Construction Co., built the \$800,000 clinic. Retko is leasing the land from

the university, but it owns the building. The university, in turn, is leasing clinic space from Retko.

The dedication drew about 100 officials and visitors to a tour of the only such clinic in the Midwest and one of just eight in the United States.

The clinic, at 195 University Park Drive, is the fifth building in a business research/park on the east edge of campus.

Patrick Ferrillo, dean of the School of Dental Medicine, said the clinic fills three important functions that are missions of the university: education, research and service to the community; implants will be readily available to Southern Illinoisans.

"My hope is in the next few years, people who need this will find this readily accessible," Ferrillo said.

University President Ted Sanders said the clinic will give SIU dental school graduates the opportunity to continue their education locally.

"It also enhances the image of SIU as she better serves the citizens of Southern Illinois," he said.

— From The Telegraph



Joyful noise — Above left, Morning Star Baptist Church Choir member Christopher Johnson, 10, gives a heartfelt performance during a recent Gospel Fest held at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus. The Morning Star Baptist Church is located in Brooklyn. Nearly a



dozen local choirs participated in the event, which was sponsored by BAC's Minority Transfer Center. Above right, Madison residents Ann Ervin, left, and Sharon Ramsey, along with other members of the Bible Way Deliverance Church Choir, belt out a tune.

Milestones

Doyle Wesley Pinnon celebrates his 61st birthday today, March 30.

Vanessa Vangel celebrates her 17th birthday today, March 30.

Derek J. Penrod will celebrate his 17th birthday March 31.

Steve Barrow will celebrate his 25th birthday March 31.

Tracey Arnold will celebrate her 25th birthday April 1.

Gerald Hughes will celebrate his 25th birthday April 1.

Adrean Rains Jr. will celebrate a birthday April 1.

Stella Bush will celebrate her 52nd birthday April 1.

Tina Tullock will celebrate her 16th birthday April 1.

Jane Knight will celebrate her 59th birthday April 1.

Jackson Thomas Derr will celebrate his 1st birthday April 1.

Nicole Lynn Cripps will celebrate her 14th birthday April 2.

John and Carmen Bridick will celebrate their anniversary April 2.

Edie and Bob Warner will celebrate their 25th anniversary April 2.

Stephanie (Werner) Mick will celebrate her 11th birthday April 3.

Janice (Kramer) Myatt will celebrate her birthday April 2.

Barbara L. Barr will celebrate her 55th birthday April 2.

Barbara L. Barr will celebrate her 67th birthday April 3.

Jason Thompson will celebrate his 13th birthday April 3.

Jesse Gribble will celebrate her 11th birthday April 3.

Edie and Bob Warner will celebrate their 25th anniversary April 4.

Stephanie (Werner) Mick will celebrate her 11th birthday April 5.

Loren H. Davis and Michael Skoklo will celebrate their anniversary April 5.

Edie and Bob Warner will celebrate their 25th anniversary April 6.

Stephanie (Werner) Mick will celebrate her 11th birthday April 6.

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Edie and Bob Warner will celebrate their 25th anniversary April 15.

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Loren H. Davis and Michael Skoklo will celebrate their anniversary April 47.

Edie and Bob Warner will celebrate their 25th anniversary April 48.

Stephanie (Werner) Mick will celebrate her 11th birthday April 48.

Loren H. Davis and Michael Sk

LOCAL NEWS

Young at Heart meets and eats



College for a day — Madison High School student Vondee Walker, left, gets a taste of college as he sits in on a class with Belleville Area College student Dante McCotrell of Granite City. McCotrell is a mentor in a BAC Minority Transfer Center program in which high school students shadow college students for a day. The goal is to get more high school students interested in continuing their education after graduating from high school.

Students participate in county band festival

On Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997, selected students of the Coolidge and Grigsby Middle Schools and the Granite City Grade School and attended the Madison County Junior High and Elementary Band Festival.

Selected students from all over Madison County were chosen by their directors to form an honors band at the junior high level and an honors band at the elementary level. These students participated in rehearsal during the day on Saturday and performed a concert on Saturday evening. Guest conductors for the event were Richard Rodgers and James Schreiber.

The following students represented Coolidge Middle School, under the direction of Wyatt Robards: Laurie Spurlock, Linda Roberts, Robin Hartman and Ronnie Morlen, clarinet; Tiffany Thick and Abby Burnett, alto sax; Brandon Rollins, tenor sax; Ryan Herman, trumpet; Laura Coppage, French horn; Jonathan Vorce, baritone; Adam Stevens, tuba, and Jeremy Nighoski and Carl Anderson, percussion.

Students representing Grigsby Middle School under the direction of Dennis Meyer were: Erin Hull and Francis Davis, flute; Ron Wilkinson, bassoon; Tom Jones and Christopher Fisher, trumpet; Sara Lancaster, alto sax; Brandi Gant, tenor sax; Rodney Carter, baritone; Darren Young and Sarah Detwiller, trumpet; Ashley Connolly, French horn; Jonathan Hedge, trombone; and Denise Mueller, percussion.

The following students represented the Granite City Grade School Band, under the direction of Art Davis: Alexandra Battaglia, Sarah Gardner, Vanessa Imboden and Sarah Smoth-Battaglia; Katie Laub, Laura Lengel, Kelli Comer and Ashlee Fuller, clarinet; Candace Bonvicino, bass clarinet; Matt Gergen and Andrew Skoklo, alto sax; Nathan Piser, tenor sax; Mark Ledbetter, Derek Sather, Joshua Bremmings and Laura O'Leary, baritone; Kelly Meyer, Stephanie Pugh and James Gauen, French horn; Shelly Smith, trombone; Katie Robbins, baritone; and Monica Morrison, percussion.

Give Our Children A Break... Drive Carefully And Save Lives!

KEEP THE TRASH IN THE DUMPS! NOT ON OUR STREETS!

Vote For GREGORY K. GARDNER Township Highway Commissioner

Hello my name is Gregory K. Gardner. I am the Township Highway Commissioner. I have worked very hard in our community by participating in the following areas:

President - Concerned Citizens of Eagle Park • Worked with Madison County Police Department for more police protection • Worked with the City of Madison to ensure quality fire protection • Worked to help clean up vacant lots and condemned houses

THE TAXPAYERS DESERVE BETTER!

PUNCH #113 ON APRIL 1ST!!!

From the desk of
Mayor Ronald L. Selph

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Thank you for the support you've shown me throughout this campaign.

The encouragement I've received as I walked your neighborhoods has been heartwarming.

I would also like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who have dedicated so much of their time to my re-election. And, thank everyone who allowed me to put a sign in their yard.

I ask one more favor of you...that you go to the polls Tuesday and vote to help me continue our great city's progress.

Sincerely,

Seventy-one Young at Heart senior members and guests of the Holy Family Catholic Church enjoyed a corned beef, ham and cabbage dinner on March 14.

President Irma Manning welcomed Young at Heart members. Father Fisher Keller led the group in prayer. Irma Manning was the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Father Fisher Keller, Father Wise, Sister Jean Patrick and Sister Mary Alice.

Minutes of the February meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleo Siebert, followed by the treasurer's report. The Catholic Mance Corresponding secretary, Ann Kovach, reported receiving a thank you card from Marie Szyncek for the sympathy card she received. A thank you card was also received from Mary Alice Beardslee, Area Director of Catholic Charities, for the baby shower items given to the organization. Friendship chairperson, Mary Rita Ahlers, reported sending get well cards to Ernie Wood, Jean Frank and Edna Vornorsky. A sympathy card was sent to Marie Szyncek due to the death of her grandson, David Duffin. A birthday card was sent to Winifred Kelly on her 90th birthday.

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Young at Heart members and guests at a recent meeting/dinner.

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members and guests in attendance.

Birthdays celebrated in March were Sister Jean Patrick, Cleo Siebert, Frances Pelate, George Yevin, Aleen Pihle, Cathy Wiese and Mattie Sotiroff.

Young at Heart members were entertained by Jan Warren's Line Dancers (Sisters).

The next monthly meeting will be a soup and chili meal.

For those members who don't bring soup or chili a \$3 fee will be charged.

The next monthly meeting will begin with a soup and chili meal at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 21, in the church community center.

LAN seeking funding proposals

The Madison County Child and Adolescent Local Area Network (LAN) 12 is seeking requests for proposals from Madison County schools and non profit organizations who wish to seek funds for the development or enhancement of programs for youth and

their families.

Grants ranging from \$100 to \$6,000 will be awarded in total of \$22,000. An application form can be obtained by contacting Chestnut Health Systems in Maryville at 288-3546. Proposals are due April 16.

STOP

LET'S STOP THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT FROM TAKING OVER

DAVID SAID HE WOULD!!!

Signed: _____

VOTE FOR DAVID PARTNEY

Paid for by David Partney

Sandy Anderson
Owner
Aloha Hair Care

Sandy Anderson, owner operator of the salon since 1967. Originally Aloha Beauty Salon, located on the corner of 2800 Iowa until 1976 when Sandy moved the salon to her home and raised her three sons as well, for nine years. Sandy has been a licensed cosmetologist supervisor. In November 1994 Sandy relocated the salon to Pontoon Road.

Licensed Cosmetologist 1965
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Thank You
Kevin & Teresa Franko

We Want to Continue the Progress
Re-elect Mayor Ron Selph

Lawyer
Fireman
Nurse
Police
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Township Government
Street Department
Steelworker
Retired

Mayor Ron Selph signs Streetworkers contract while Labor representatives look on

Financial focus

Investors should be responsible

Responsibility means being accountable for your own actions. When it comes to investing, it's especially important to understand responsibility.

Numerous state and federal agencies exist to help protect investors.

The securities industry polices its members through the listed stock exchanges, the National Association of Securities Dealers, the Securities Industry Association and more. Violators are promptly disciplined with meaningful fines and penalties.

Yet all these safeguards do not absolve investors of the responsibility to protect their own investments.

Today, more than ever, investors must recognize this responsibility.

Why is this so important today? The stock market has enjoyed one of the longest and most profitable advances in modern history. Many investors have been rewarded as they may never be again.

However, good times like these pave the way for con artists offering a variety of investment scams.

For example, the Associated Press recently reported that a Louisiana woman pleaded guilty to bilking 10 people out of more than \$100,000 in an investment scam.

Her victims were all people investors who voluntarily sent large sums of money to her—they had never met her—because she promised to buy them mutual funds. The woman kept the money and never bought any funds.

Unfortunately, as this occurs every day, the only thing unusual about this one is that the woman was caught. The victims will probably never see the money they lost.

The woman faces a possible 30-year prison sentence on six counts of mail fraud, but that's of little comfort to the people whose money she took. The unfortunate people learned responsibility the hard way.

More and more people are being approached by strangers offering investments. These "salespeople" obtain names (and an alarming amount of personal information) from computer databases and make their deals over the phone.

As a result, some individuals in this column never invest with an individual or a company you have not researched. A competent financial professional should get to know you in person—want to establish a long-term relationship and have your best interests at heart.

The first step in being responsible is to invest only with someone you know and trust—never with a stranger.

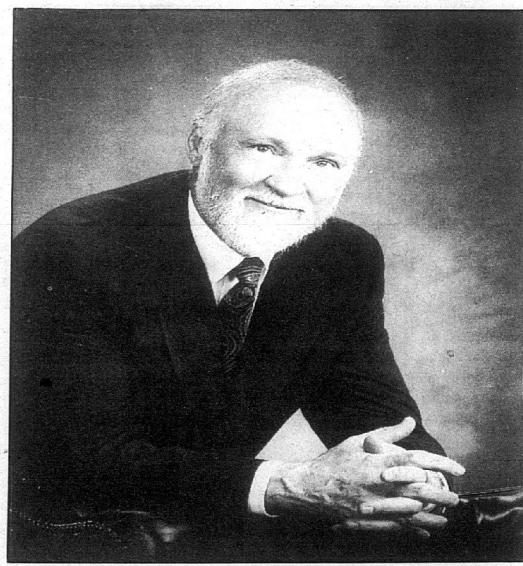
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No more excuses! No more pretending! For real progress! DEWEY MELTON FOR MAYOR

For the leadership experience that can make a difference!

THE TRI-CITY CHAPTER OF THE Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

PAID FOR BY MELTON FOR MAYOR



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•Letters

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city business. They know they get paid. The city's credit rating is excellent.

The (candidate) also points out that the (candidate) should understand is that this administration and the past administration have preferred to obtain low-interest government agency loans at a lower interest rate as opposed to issuing bonds at 5 to 9 percent. There are no bond issuances planned for the future.

The (candidate) was also never promised delivery of the audits, as he stated. Final release of the financial report rests with the public accountants. Statements of hopeful availability do not equate to promises.

Another candidate was accurate when he stated that all we need to do is wait for the financial records to be given to the public accountants and they would prepare the financial reports themselves. Although this is the old "stationary practice," my office is involved at \$14,000 a year in doing the work ourselves—and before the flood of 1993 available time permitted these reports to be filed in timely fashion.

As to Mr. Partner's request to see an "audit" before the election, the first of the three financial reports being prepared—this one completed—was mailed to his home Thursday.

Candidate Bowler also stated that the comparable city of

Alton had a flood too and that their financial reports were prepared on time.

Besides our reimbursement for sandbagging, water distribution, and removal of the city of Granite City suffered 74 sewer breaks in 1993, 46 in 1995 and 12 so far identified in 1996. The city of Alton had four or five sewer breaks in 1993, zero in 1995 and zero in 1996.

Alton has their financial reports timely published. Granite City has \$4 million in disaster assistance for sewer breaks.

K.P. MacTaggart
City Comptroller

Chief takes
exception to ad

TO THE EDITOR: A recent paid ad, Mr. Dan McGuire, listed numerous public officials and quotes made by them, giving the illusion of endorsements for Mr. McGuire. These quotes were originally in 1994, in support of a non-profit organization for kids, but now have been taken entirely out of context for Mr. McGuire's political aspirations.

I was very surprised to see my name and photo in this ad. I cannot speak for the other officials, but the use of my name and photo was done without my knowledge or consent and I don't appreciate this underhanded tactic by Mr. McGuire. I have my doubts if the other officials are actually endorsing Mr. McGuire, not to mention Frank Sinatra (his photo appears in the ad) who I seriously doubt has an interest in it.

Now for the record I wholeheartedly support Bob Shiple for township supervisor and have been on his election committee from the start. Bob Shiple has been a good friend to me for over 20 years.

I know Bobby to be a caring person committed to public service as township supervisor could not ask for a better choice to carry on the legacy of Mr. Hagnauer.

Dave Ruehbaum
Police Chief
Granite City

Early spaying
not cruel

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to a March 13 letter that was against early spaying and neutering of animals.

Early age spaying and neutering has been thoroughly studied and found to be safe and beneficial for animals as young as six to eight weeks. The procedure allows for decreased operative time and more rapid recovery, which means less stress on the animals.

passing over the village.

Nonetheless, some of the existing officials have shown a desire to have the village move to Mike Macek and Bob Abel—although on opposite ends of the political spectrum—have proved to be leaders who can get things done. Scott Oney is a man of honesty who we think will vote his conscience and not be a pawn to power-brokers.

Elect Mike Macek, Bob Abel and Scott Oney as trustees in Pontoon Beach.

WHAT PROGRESS? In the Selph Administration

Recently, the current mayor mailed and passed fliers touting the progress under his administration. Consider the facts.....

FACT: American Steel reopened March 2, 1993

FACT: Ron Selph took office May, 1993

FACT: The real leadership to facilitate the reopening was done by Von Dee Cruse and Nellie Hagnauer. **WHAT PROGRESS BY THE SELPH ADMINISTRATION?**

FACT: APAC opened recently to bring 100 jobs here. Neither the Mayor nor his economic director had any contact with APAC until the Press Conference announcing that APAC was opening here. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: NESTLE closed shop and moved out. Loss of 250 jobs. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: Illinois Power moved out. Loss of 200 jobs. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: Transition from owner occupied housing to significant rental base. Continued decline of the community. Section eight housing follows. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: IN DEFiance OF STATE LAW no outside audit was done since Ron Selph took office. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

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JOURNAL SPORTS

Granite City Journal



Art
Voellinger

Scates' career
earns spot in
Hall of Fame

The first time I met Bob Scates was in the spring of '41, when he was introduced by the O'Fallon High School principal Charles Dial as the Panthers' football coach.

How well I remember the man introduced to me as Bob Scates smiling with Dial and Dial held a football near the entrance to the high school.

That fall Scates made a lasting impression because in O'Fallon's first year of football, the Panthers finished 2-2, and as a teacher-coach at the school, I got to watch closely the teaching of a sport that I had quit as a sophomore in high school.

Incredibly, a year later, Scates and the Panthers achieved an 8-1 record. From the games played in 1967 under the name in the history of the O'Fallon park baseball diamond, the sport flourished with its move to what still stands at the OTHS football stadium.

From 1967 through 1977, Scates compiled an 84-42 record. In his first seven seasons, the Panthers never finished below .500. In 11 seasons with Scates at the helm, O'Fallon won six or more games seven times.

For such achievements, including Mississippi Valley Conference titles, Scates, of Edwardsville, will be recognized on April 1 when he is inducted into the Illinois High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The featured speaker at the induction ceremony in Champaign will be former Baltimore Colts All-Pro wide receiver Raymond Berry, and my hope is that he will recognize the 18 coaches to be inducted for more than their varsity records.

You see, after a 2-7 record in 1977 at O'Fallon, Scates was replaced as varsity football coach. The fact punctuated by three losing seasons from '74 through '77.

Yet, there was no way anyone could diminish Scates' love of football and football, despite running back to Edwardsville High and an outstanding player at Missouri Valley College. Bobby Joe also had distinguished himself as an assistant coach at East St. Louis Senior High.

Thus, in 1980 he added freshman football coaching to his history teaching duties at O'Fallon and held that post until retiring in 1995.

"We were delighted when Bob was willing to come back and coach the freshmen," said O'Fallon coach Gary Lignoul. "He had the skills to teach fundamentals — something he always stressed. That made our freshman program strong and was something reflected on ourarsity team."

Prior to Scates' induction, nearly 1,500 coaches throughout the state are expected to participate in the annual (See ART, Page 3B)

Rams' hurler holds off Warriors



Vince Whittenburg heads for third base during Thursday's game. The Warriors fell to Mt. Vernon 3-1 in their season opener.



Dustin Brewer had 12 strikeouts and a complete-game effort Thursday against Mt. Vernon.

Pitching outshines offense in opener

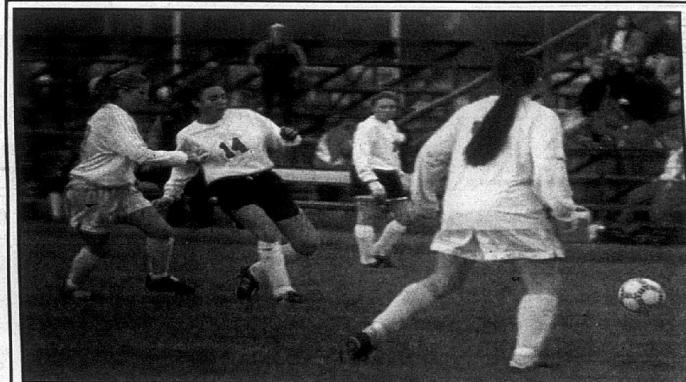
By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City baseball coach Gus Lignoul saw good and bad in the Warriors' season-opening loss to Mt. Vernon on Thursday.

"He was real happy with the way Dustin threw," Lignoul said of starting pitcher Dustin Brewer. "He will only get better as the season prog-

resses and he will learn to take better advantage of his fastball."

However, who threw 101 pitches, 68 of them for strikes, whiffed 10 batters while issuing only a fifth-inning walk. Six of his strikeouts came in the first three innings, and he was breathing smoke. But he got in trouble when he strayed to (See OPENER, Page 4B)



Ball battle — Jaime Dellbrinque works a pass through traffic during the Lady Warriors' game against Incarnate Word this week. GCHS will play at Collinsville on Thursday.

Metro East schools hurdle final blocks of segregation

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

With the arrival of partial integration for black schools from southern Illinois in 1946, the Illinois High School Association began to allow previously barred teams to play in their own district tournaments, with the winners advancing to a regional as close as a host school would accept them.

The first team from the Southern Illinois Conference of Colored Schools to win an integrated regional tournament was East St. Louis Lincoln in 1948, one year after GCHS disbanded. Lincoln also became the first school to win a sectional tournament (1980), the

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Summer won the honors in 1948. Meanwhile, in the Metro East, Madison Dunbar and East St. Louis Lincoln were winning every other year.

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first to reach the final four (1982) and the first to win a state championship (1983). It is ironic that a school that could never advance to Champaign prior to integration would ultimately become the most successful all-black school in state history after integration.

Complete integration was not reached until 1954. That year the IHSAA under the direction of Al Johnson made the unanimous decision to do away (See BASKETBALL, Page 3B)

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Prep baseball

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

March

31 at Wesclin	4 p.m.
April	
1 at Red Bud	4 p.m.
2 Highland	4:15 p.m.
3 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
5 Quincy (DH)	11 a.m.
6 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
8 Centralia West	4:15 p.m.
10 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
12 at Mt. Vernon (DH)	1 p.m.
15 Alton	4:15 p.m.
17 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
22 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
22 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
26 at Centralia (DH)	11 a.m.
28 at Althoff (DH)	4 p.m.
May	
1 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
3 Cahokia (DH)	10 a.m.
6 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
8 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
9 O'Fallon (DH)	4:15 p.m.
12 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
13 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
15 at Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
17 Fenton	10 a.m.
17 Triad	1 p.m.
20 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
21 at Jerseyville (DH)	4 p.m.
27 at Waterloo	4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

April

1 New Athens	4:15 p.m.
2 at Guba	4:15 p.m.
3 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
5 at Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
8 at ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
9 at DeSmet	4:15 p.m.
10 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.

Prep soccer

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

1997 Soccer

March

25 O'Fallon	4 p.m.
27 at Civic Memorial	4 p.m.

April

1 Collinsville	4 p.m.
8 Guba	4 p.m.
10 at Collinsville	6 p.m.
12 at Carbondale	3 p.m.
15 at Alton	6 p.m.
17 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
21-22 Alton Tournament	TBA

May

1 Triad	4:15 p.m.
6 Granite City	4 p.m.
8 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
10 at Lincoln	12:30 p.m.
12 Gillespie	4:15 p.m.
14 at Alton Marquette	4:15 p.m.
15 at Edwardsville	6 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES

1997 Soccer

April

1 at Carbondale	4 p.m.
8 at Roxana	6 p.m.
9 at Wood River	4 p.m.
16 at Lincoln	4 p.m.
17 at Marion	4 p.m.
22 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
24-26 Riverview Tournament	TBA
30 Triad	4:15 p.m.

May

5 Carbondale	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4 p.m.
8 at O'Fallon	4 p.m.
10 at Althoff	4 p.m.
12 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

1997 Soccer

April

12 at Alton Marquette	4:30 p.m.
13 at Collinsville	4:30 p.m.
15 at Lincoln	4:30 p.m.
17 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
21 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.

May

1 at Collinsville	4:30 p.m.
3 at Granite City	4:30 p.m.
5 at Lincoln	4:30 p.m.
7 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.

COLUMBIA EAGLES

1997 Soccer

April

1-4 Afton Tournament	TBA
10 at Brees Mater Del.	4:15 p.m.
12-15 M.E. Lutheran Tournament	TBA
14 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
15-17 Litchfield Central	2 p.m.
21 at Pacific	4:30 p.m.
25 at Notre Dame	4:30 p.m.

May

1 Marion	4:30 p.m.
8 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.
13 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
17 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
19 at McLeansboro	11 a.m.
21 CYC Tournament	TBA

June

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Alton	4:30 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

1997 Soccer

March

27 O'Fallon	4:30 p.m.
1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
8 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
13 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
18 at Alton	4:30 p.m.

April

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

May

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

June

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

July

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

August

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

September

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

October

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

November

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

December

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

January

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

February

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

March

1 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
6 at Marion	4:30 p.m.
11 at Litchfield	4:30 p.m.
16 at Alton	4:30 p.m.
21 at Marion	4:30 p.m.

April

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•Warriors

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had rounded the bag too far and didn't get back before the throw. The next batter struck out.

The Warriors threatened in the bottom of the fourth when, with one out, Mike Ahlvers reached base safely as first baseman Josh Haile couldn't hold the throw from third baseman Tom Brewer. Brewer dove with a solid single, moving Ahlvers to second. Brewer then worked Backus for a 3-1 count before he struck out swinging. Ahlvers also missed a third strike and the inning ended.

Smalle made a fine defensive play to open the fifth inning, diving to his left to snare a liner by Hawkins. But Backus followed with a double down the line in left. Casey Dodson walked and Tom Brewer pushed a bunt past Dustin Brewer to load the bases. Chad Lwin then hit down on three straight pitches for the score out but Josh Haile, batting in the ninth position, sent a grounder between first and second, scoring two runners and sending Brewer to third.

On the next pitch, Haile took off for second base, but stopped short when the throw from Jeff Hayden had him

beat. Tom Brewer then broke for home, but the throw was wide right, making the score 3-2 in the Rams' favor.

GCHS came back with a run of its own in the bottom of the fifth. Brian Kamadulski walked and was sacrificed to second by David Parker. Mike Ahlvers then singled out to second, but Smalle sent a clutch liner into right center, scoring Kamadulski. Eric Edwards' grounder to third ended the scoring.

Brewer then retired the side in each of the last two innings, striking out the last two Rams he faced. But the Warriors could manage only a pair of scratch singles as Backus bore down.

"We didn't swing the bat very well," said GCHS coach Douginal. "At the beginning of the season, we tried to let me dominate. That's expected. But we need to be better at our hitting than we were today."

The Warriors will have to get ready in hurry. They meet Washington (Mo.) in a twin bill at home Saturday and must prepare for back-to-back games against Wood River and Collinsville on Thursday and Friday. The Warriors will visit Wood River and then host the Kahoks in a Southwestern Conference opener.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Granite City's Ryan Relleke hauls in a catch Thursday. The Warriors were scheduled to face Washington in a home doubleheader Saturday.

•Art

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spring clinic at Champaign later. At the Chancellor Hotel in Champaign, many of them will be fortunate if they learn that Seates was responsible for much more than just the development of a player like offensive lineman Bob Cryder, who reached stardom at Alabama under Bear Bryant and then became an all-pro with the New England Patriots.

OVERTIME: On the opening day of the clinic, new University of Illinois football coach Ron Turner, who has been coaching coaches for two hours in the morning and then allow them to attend an Illinois spring workout from 4-6 p.m.

Obviously, Turner, who spoke at the St. Clair County Teachers Institute last week at Belleville East, is beating a recruiting drum which too often was not heard throughout

the state in years past.

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SPORTS

Sports shorts

Stuart squad wins state
The James Stuart Chapter's Junior Division basketball team won the Illinois Chapter's state championship March 16 at Knox College in Galesburg.

The Junior squad drubbed Alton 44-14 in the semifinals and edged Libertyville for the title in the championship game. Craig Harris had 14 points, Richard Winters put in 11, James Watson netted six, Nick Wilson added five. Robert Barton had two and Dan Watson scored one. Adam Schillinger also played.

The Junior Division is an under-16 team.

The Open Division team from the James Stuart Chapter was eliminated in the opening round, losing a tight 31-30 to Liberalville. Members of the squad were: Derek Smith, Josh Church, Keith Hopke, Jason Landfried, Dan Cook, Matt DeVore, Eric Yurcisin, Brian Hayes, Brian Carney, Chapter Sweetheart and Amanda Young. William A. Cochran, Jr., the Chapter's Athletic Adviser, was the coach.

Nance, Wagoner place

The Granite City Wrestling Club placed a pair of winners at the USA Nationals, held on the campus of the University of Kansas City.

The Nationals are a prestigious annual event involving more than 600 wrestlers from as many as 30 states.

The two Granite City wrestlers to place were T.J. Nance, who finished third with a record of 5-1, and Austin Wagoner, who was undefeated in five contests and captured first place.

Bantam tournament

The Champaign (Mo.) Community Association has added a one-team Bantam I level to its Independence Day holiday baseball tournament to be held July 3-6. The open tournament still has a few slots remaining at other levels: Atom 2, Bantam II and Midget II.

There is a team-game guarantee. The team entry fee is \$110. Call Mike Criner (314-519-9830) or Joe Mays (314-458-8927) for more information.

Sports physicals

Pre-participatory sports physicals will be offered by the



Granite City Wrestling Club members Austin Wagoner (left) and T.J. Nance recently placed at the USA Nationals. Wagoner placed first at 60 pounds and Nance placed third at 75 pounds.

Granite City School District 6:30 p.m. May 21-22 at the Wolf Building, Physical Medicine Department, 2100 Madison Ave.

The cost is \$25 and the physical is good for one calendar year, and it is accepted by the Illinois High School Association. For more information, call Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3943. All students who require any immunizations are exempt.

Select team needs players

A Bantam I select baseball team is seeking players born after Aug. 1, 1986. The team will play in the select league and several tournaments.

Tryouts will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 at Maryville School. For more information, call Tom Nance at 797-2411.

Khoury sign-ups

Pontoon Beach Khouri League sign-ups for baseball and softball will be held 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Highway 111, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at The T's Shirt Shop, 4084 Park Lane.

For more information, call 931-1291 or 931-7902.

Mitchell registration

The Mitchell Athletic Club is

taking team registration for its summer recreational league (non-select) in baseball, softball and T-ball.

Boys and girls ages 4-19 are eligible. For more information, call Dave at 931-3690.

Park league sign-ups

The Granite City Park District is now taking registration for youth baseball, T-ball and ponytail softball this summer.

The sign-ups are for boys and girls who would like to play in the 1997 summer park leagues but are not currently on a park district team or have never played in the park district leagues.

Boys and girls who will be ages 6-16 may have their name placed on the list. Every effort will be made to place them on a team.

Boys and girls T-ball is for ages 6-7, youth baseball is for ages 8-16 and ponytail softball is for ages 8-16.

New teams are formed from the compiled list. Names on the list are used by managers of existing teams who need to fill their rosters.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing a youth baseball, T-ball or ponytail softball team may visit the Wilson Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3093.

Jose Shark worse

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•Heston

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David Partney, while serving you on the School Board, was the one who was instrumental in bringing the Belleville Area College Campus to Granite City.

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Dear Voter:

I am asking you to vote for two men who I know will be a credit to the office that they seek, Mayor Ron Seiph and Township Supervisor candidate Bob Shipley.

I got to know Ron when he was elected mayor four years ago and developed a great respect for the dedication he brings to that job. My husband thought enough of Ron to appoint him to the Board of Directors of the Madison County Transit District and the Board thought enough of Ron to elect him Chairman. Ron has done a fine job as mayor and deserves re-election.

Bob Shipley has been one of the most outstanding members of the Board of Aldermen for the past four years. He has voted for every progressive measure that has come before him and served as chairman of the Negotiating Committee that got all city workers union contract resolved and signed for the first time in a decade.

Bob has assured me that, as Township Supervisor, he will continue the fine bus service and senior programs. Bob is a compassionate man, a hard worker, and a leader; I am proud to recommend him as your Township Supervisor.

If we are to go forward into the next century, we will need leaders like Ron Seiph and Bob Shipley working together. Please vote for both of these fine gentlemen.

Sincerely,
Bernie Haynauer
Bernadine Haynauer

Paid For by Committee to Elect Bob Shipley

•Opener

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the outside of the plate.

"We've talked to Brewer about that," Lignoul said. "With the velocity he has on his fastball, most of the players he faces are not going to get their bats around the ball fast. The only chance most batters will have against him is if he gives them a pitch away."

"This afternoon Dustin pitched too many balls away. They didn't hit them hard, but they did hit them, and they did hit them to right field. The kid who got the big hit in the fifth inning hit the only pitch of Dustin's he could have hit, one that was away, come home. The fifth inning was a good example of what I'm talking about." None of the balls were hit hard that inning, but because they were pitches away, the batters were able to handle them."

"It's discouraging to think we only got three hits this afternoon. We're better than that. We've been hitting that. Those bad habits that have crept back in are things we are going to have to deal with to make certain they don't come back again."

Brewer had some temporary lapses in the late innings,

when he tended to aim the ball higher than throw it, but dominated as an ability to dominate opposing batters when he stayed on the inside of the plate.

"Brewer is going to get stronger," Lignoul said. "I'm glad he went the distance and was throwing as hard as he was at the end, because we're throwing him against Collinsville's Tomard."

But Lignoul was not as happy with his team's hitting.

"We're working with some of our hitting coaches (Daren) DePew is — to make some adjustments in their hitting," Lignoul said. "They were doing well. But we come into the first game and they revert to their bad habits."

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Softball league

The Municipal Softball Association is accepting applications for men's, women's and coed teams. Umpires are also needed.

For more information, call Jack 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 353-2500.

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Spring revival April 2

Bethesda Baptist Church, 3035 Nameoki Drive, will begin its spring revival Wednesday evening April 1, and continue through Sunday morning, April 6, according to the Rev. Luther Abbott, pastor of the church.

"The night services will begin at 7 p.m. and the Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m.," Abbott said.

The Rev. John Gamblin, Asst. Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, will be the evangelist.

The Rev. Wayne Shockley will be leading the music for the event.

"There will be special music at each service," Shockley said.

A nursery will be provided. Pastor Abbott encourages the public to attend.

Sign language at church today

Today will be an extra special day for the congregation of St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road.

The church will hold its first service during a sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired.

Shirley Hubbard of St. Louis will be the interpreter. She has been interpreting for the St. Louis church since 1987 and is currently attending St. Louis Community College for certification. Hubbard will interpret at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The rest of the church will be reserved for the hearing impaired.

Church leaders are excited about this new ministry and hope people will come to them to reach out and serve another part of the community.

There also are tentative plans to expand this service if the community response demonstrates a need.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Mark Steyer and David Oates of Oates Associates, Mayor Ron Selph and Jerry Kane, Executive Director of MCT, open the new park-and-ride lot in Granite City.

New Granite park-and-ride lot opened

Granite City Mayor Ron Selph recently cut the ceremonial ribbon marking the official opening of the city's new park-and-ride lot, located directly across 19th Street from the Madison County Transit's Granite City Bus Station. The new lot provides an additional 50 parking spaces for commuters wanting to take advantage of convenient bus service from the station.

The Granite City Station, which opened March 1993, was designed as the focal point for the transit system in southwestern Madison County. Local buses depart each hour for destinations in Alton and Wood River, Edwardsville, Madison, Pontiac, Vandalia, East St. Louis, as well as Granite City.

Commuters can also use express buses to downtown St. Louis. Red Bird, Muny and Rams express buses will also serve the lot.

Later this year, Madison County Transit plans to implement several new routes serving the new park-and-ride lot. New buses have been ordered to begin three new MetroLink feeder routes originating in Madison County, including a direct route to Granite City Station every half hour for rail stations in downtown St. Louis and East St. Louis and a second stopping in Granite City enroute from Alton MetroLink.

Local service changes will include a new

weekday route providing direct connection between the Tri-Cities and the Collingsville-Maryville area. Selph, chairman of MCT since July 1990, noted that riders have been asking for such a route.

"I'm delighted to have found a way to respond to your need," Selph said. "As riderhip continues to grow during the next few years, the Transit District will be looking to add more buses to existing routes in order to shorten passenger waiting times between buses."

Oates Associates, Inc. of Collinsville, Ill., was responsible for the engineering on the project. Beck Brothers of Lumberton, Ill., submitted the low bid of \$170,000 for the work. The project was 80-percent funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds, with the remaining 20 percent of the funds provided by MCT.

The transit district was created in 1980 to oversee all mass transit in the county. MCT operates 17 local fixed routes, school express routes to St. Louis and door-to-door service for persons with disabilities and older adults. The district also is responsible for the county's bike trails and administers the RideFenders program for the eight-county St. Louis region.

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Pop tart with raisins, lunch: Pizza, tossed salad with white dressing, mixed fruit.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, fresh banana, lunch: Barbecued rib on bun, sliced carrots, pineapple chips.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and gravy, cup of strawberries; lunch: Ham and cheese on deli bun with lettuce and tomato, shredded hoodie, fresh apple wedges.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast (2), fresh orange, lunch: Beef and bean taco w/lettuce and cheese, whole kernel corn, sliced peaches, slice of bread.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, applesauce, lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/crackers, oatmeal cookie, pear halves.

Holy Family

Monday — No school.

Tuesday — Breaded chicken patty on bun, pork 'n beans, slaw, peaches.

Wednesday — Chef salad with crackers, pears, cake.

Thursday — Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple-sauce.

Friday — Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, peas, mixed fruit.

Partney endorsed by Jim McPike

Former State Rep. Jim McPike, D-Alton, has endorsed David Partney's mayoral candidacy in Granite City.

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School news

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Humphrey is a psychology
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Owen Humphrey of Granite
City.

Named to Dean's List

CATRINA BENSON of
Granite City, a freshman at
University of Illinois Urbana-
Champaign, was named to the
dean's list for the fall semes-
ter of the 1996-97 academic year
at McKendree College in
Lebanon. **PEGGY DUNCAN-**
WOOD, a junior; **BASIL YUR-**
COVICH, a sophomore; and
KELLY AHLERS, a sopho-
more.

Benson is majoring in engi-
neering with a 4.0 average and
has also been accepted into the
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dents only.

MATTHEW STINSON has
been named to the fall 1996
trustees' list at Southwest Bap-
tist University in Bolivar, Mo.
He is the son of Willmer and
Mallie Stinson of Granite City.

A 1993 graduate of Granite
City High School, Stinson is a
senior chemistry major.
Those students listed on the
trustees' list have been
enrolled at least 12 credit
hours and earned a grade

point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on
a 4.0 scale.

Three Granite City resi-
dents have been named to
Dean's List for the fall semes-
ter of the 1996-97 academic year
at McKendree College in
Lebanon: **PEGGY DUNCAN-**
WOOD, a junior; **BASIL YUR-**
COVICH, a sophomore; and
KELLY AHLERS, a sopho-
more.

Each earned a spot on the
Dean's List by qualifying for
the honor with a cumulative
point average of 3.6 or better.

SARAH E. WELSH of
Godfrey qualified for the fall 1996
semester at Marquette Univer-
sity.

Receives scholarship
COURTNEY KENDALL, a
sorority psychology major
at Olivet Nazarene University
in Bourbonnais has been
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David Scholarship for the 1996-
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Named ambassador
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YEHLING of Granite City, has
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coln College in Lincoln.
She is a graduate of Granite
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Spring Sports

Early spring gardening requires preparation

By Angie Eckert
Correspondent

Delicate tips of plants are poking through the soil and buds are beginning to burst. In a few more weeks, spring flower will paint the St. Louis East landscape in white, pink and yellow. Spring is certainly on the way.

Along with those unmistakable signs of spring comes the ever-famous

tradition of spring cleaning in your home. The outside of your home needs a thorough spring cleaning as well. The lawn, flower beds, shrubs, trees and even spring flowering bulbs will benefit greatly from a rejuvenation following the hardships of winter.

Now is an excellent time to tidy your yard by cleaning up fallen branches, sticks and debris left behind from the

treacherous winter months. Add raked up leaf debris to the compost pile.

When the threat of frost is gone, winter layers of mulch can be cleared away from your plants. In the St. Louis area the Average Frost Free Date is April 15. After this date, there is only a 5 percent chance another frost will occur, so it is considered safe to plant annuals (plants that survive for one growing season) outdoors after April 15. Should a frost be predicted after the AFFD, cover the plants gently with an old sheet or surrounding them with a protective layer of mulch. To avoid almost all risk of frost, wait until the first week of May to plant tender plants outdoors.

Some annual plants can endure spring frosts. Vegetable seeds such as beets, carrots, parsley, lettuce and radishes can be sown in the garden now. Starter plants of broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower, now available at some garden centers in the area, can also be planted now in the garden.

St. Louis Gaia, hobby gardener and Belleville resident, takes advantage of vegetables that tolerate cooler weather. He has had vegetable seed in the ground since the first week of March. "I planted the lettuce, radish and carrots in raised beds in the garden," Gaia said. "I covered the lettuce with (clear) plastic ... If we get a few warm days here, the

lettuce should be ready in a few weeks."

Gardeners will be the first to garden with lettuce in the Metro East area.

It takes a green thumb and gardening know-how to be able to plant outdoors early. By covering the planting beds and surrounding them with a mini-greenhouse is created. When the temperatures warm two weeks later, the plastic is removed. This technique allows for earlier harvest than if the seeds were sown without a covering.

Other cold tolerant plants include ornamental annuals such as pansies and Dianthus. They can be planted outside now also. After the threat of frost has passed, it is safe to plant all other annuals.

Early spring is also the time to prune bulb plants. "Bulb booster" fertilizers are available in granular (dry pellet) form and can be broadcast, or shaken over the top of the plants. To avoid

burn, water the bulbs after fertilizing to dislodge fertilizer pellets from the foliage. Booster can be applied anytime before the bulbs flower.

Trees and shrubs can be planted as soon as they are available, as long as the soil is

dry and the soil is workable.

The soil is ready for planting when it has thawed completely and has a crumbly texture when squeezed in the palm of your hand. If the soil sticks together when squeezed, it is too wet to plant; wait a few days for the soil to dry.

Planting when the soil is too wet can compact the soil, which inhibits healthy plant growth.

Before new leaves emerge from existing trees and shrubs, prune dead or damaged branches of all shrubs and trees. Pruning to alter the shape of trees and summer flowering shrubs (such as hydrangeas and trees of Sharon) should be completed before the new leaves of the

(See SPRING, Page 9B)

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Check out potential roofing contractor thoroughly

Homeowners who wait to see water stains on their ceilings before calling a roofing contractor have already waited too long. By the time visible damage is done to the interior, structural damage already has occurred. Delay turns a simple re-roofing job into a major structural repair project.

"Considering that a roof protects home belongings and family, it's essential to detect and attend to problems promptly," says Chuck Berk, vice president and general manager of Scott-Horn Improvement Professional Services, which replaces more roofs than any

other company nationwide. "The good news is that a quality roof, properly installed, lasts for many years. It's important to know where a new roof is needed, select the proper roof, and choose a roofing contractor you can trust to protect your biggest investment — your home."

When is it time to replace your roof?

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear," Berk explains. "Loose or missing shingles, damage, flashing between the roof line and exterior walls, and cracked, curled or rotted shingles are warning signs. It's

time to call in a roofing professional. ' Ideally, look for one who offers a free inspection and a written estimate for the replacement work,' Berk says.

Popular roofing materials come in varied colors and textures. About 80 percent of American homes have asphalt shingles or fiberglass roofs, chosen for their mix of performance, low maintenance, versatility and price. Today's choices include shingles with textures that create handsome dimensional effects.

Choice of roof color is important, as it affects the overall appearance of the house. A light-colored roof

creates a spacious look, especially when paired with a light-colored house. A darker roof gives a cozy look, particularly if the home's color is also dark. For a dramatic contrast, some homeowners choose a roof very different in color from the house. Some people prefer dark colors that absorb the sun's rays; others prefer light colors that reflect them. Because a quality roof lasts for many years, people often select a neutral tone that coordinates with most house colors. To help visualize how various selections look, consumers should ask to see the contractor's portfolio of completed projects.

The right contractor is as

important as the right roof, so homeowners should ask the right questions before signing the contract.

Does your contractor have good references and a good record?

Berk advises consumers to ask how long the contractor has been in business (an indication of the company's stability); and ask for customer and business references. "Time invested in calling references is well spent," Berk says. "Ask if past customers would recommend the contractor to their family and friends."

Is the contractor licensed

and insured? Roofing is not work for amateurs; don't take chances," Berk advises. "Ask to see the contractor's license and his certificates for property damage, liability and worker's compensation insurance; and to be sure the insurance company are current."

Is your satisfaction guaranteed?

Have the contractor explain what the roofing manufacturer's warranty covers, and for how long. Then, ask if the contractor stands behind it.

Control grass-grubbing pests in lawn

Most everyone with a lawn or garden is familiar with the sight of flying Japanese beetles in the summer. These pesky insects can eat millions of dollars in damage a year by feeding on the leaves of rose bushes, fruit trees and other plants. Although Japanese beetles are a nuisance, what's even worse is their offspring — the grub.

Each fall, these grass-grubbing larvae can even outlive their adult counterparts because they feed on the roots of grass, flowers and bulbs. Grubs can destroy an otherwise healthy lawn by preventing water from reaching the root system. The result of extensive damage is brown and patchy turf which, in some areas, can be pulled up like a carpet.

"The signs of grub infestation are

obvious," says John Lucas, Senior Entomologist at Agri-Evo Environmental. "You'll see the grass, you can see the white C-shaped larvae in the soil close to the ground."

So how can you get rid of grubs? Lucas recommends using a product labeled for grub control and offers these tips:

Timing is everything. The grub is the weakest link in the year-long life cycle of the Japanese beetle. For best results, make sure that application takes place in the fall when grubs are newly hatched and feeding, or in the spring before they emerge as adults.

Measure the size of your lawn in square feet so that you can determine the amount of product needed for accurate control.

Remember "less is more" when using grub control. One product which offers low dosage rates of less than three pounds per 1,000 square feet.

Always read and follow label instructions.

Remove any accumulated thatch (plant litter) so the insecticide can reach the soil.

Apply uniformly with a broadcast spreader to assure complete coverage. Be sure to calibrate your spreader for the appropriate amount of granules.

Thoroughly saturate the treated area with water immediately following application for maximum effectiveness.

As when using any chemical, wear gloves and protective clothing, and always remember to wash hands and materials thoroughly after handling.

Spring

(Continued from Page 8B) plants emerge this spring. For the best flowering results on spring flowering shrubs, wait until after they have flowered this spring to prune them.

Now is the time to divide summer and fall flowering perennials (plants that live at least three years). To maximize this year's flower display, avoid dividing spring flowering perennials until they have finished blooming this year. When new growth appears on herbaceous perennials, apply a balanced fertilizer such as 12-12-12.

If planting a vegetable or flower garden for the first time, be sure to have the soil tested prior to planting. In this area, organizations that test soil include local Farm Bureaus, Kemper Center for Home Gardening at Missouri Botanical Garden and Alvey Labs in Belleville.

Soil tests provide specific information about the characteristics and needs of your soil. An analysis will recommend organic matter and fertilizers necessary to improve the soil for your growing purposes. University of Illinois Extension Educator Ron

Cornwell recommends sending soil samples to a lab to obtain accurate readings and suggestions for soil improvement.

"There are soil testing kits for the homeowner," Cornwell said. "However, if accuracy is what you are after, you should take it to a lab."

The recommended frequency for testing landscape soil is every three to six years.

Longer days and warmer temperatures are greening lawns across the Metro East. To encourage healthy green growth, now is the time to early spring to remove the tips of the old growth. Pre-emergent herbicides, used to control annual weeds and cool-season weeds such as crabgrass,

should be applied before mid-April.

Spring is also the best time to repair bare spots in the lawn, and now is also a good time to loosen and remove the thatch layer in the lawn if it exceeds three quarters of an inch in thickness. Thatch is the brown layer of dead and living plant material between the blades and the grass blades.

Indoor plants are beginning to grow in response to the longer days associated with spring. Fertilize houseplants now for strong growth. It is a good time to transplant houseplants into larger pots. A plant needs transplanting if, when it is removed from its pot, its roots circle the pot in a dense mass. Loosen the roots

so that they do not continue to grow in a circular pattern.

Replant the plant in a container at least two inches larger in diameter. Be sure to add potting soil.

As spring unfolds and days lengthen, be on the lookout for flowers, including such as dogwood, magnolias and crab apples. Think spring and spring cleaning. After all, gardening season is just around the corner.

Angie Eckert, Horticulturist at Horticulture at Belleville Area College. She coordinates adult education programs for the Missouri Botanical Garden and facilities gardening workshops at Eckert's Country Store and Farms in Belleville.

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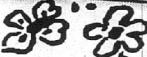
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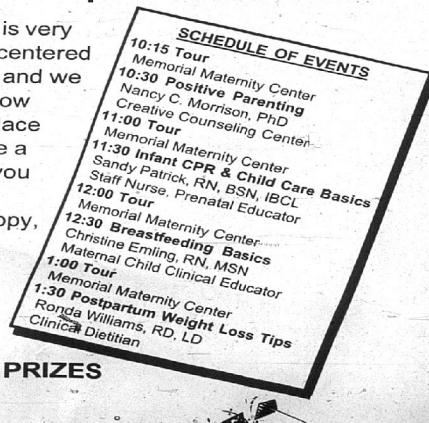
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Although no one could ever fill the shoes of Mr. Hagnauer, and the fact that we would be losing one of the best Aldermen this City has ever seen, we truly believe that Bob Shipley is the best choice for the job! So, please join us on April 1st, and support Bob Shipley with your vote when you go to the polls.

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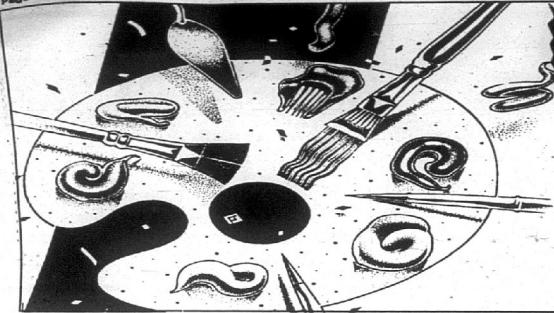
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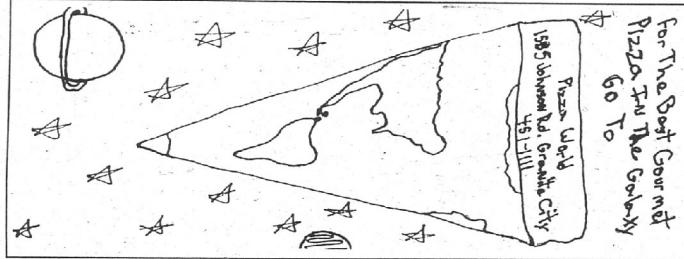
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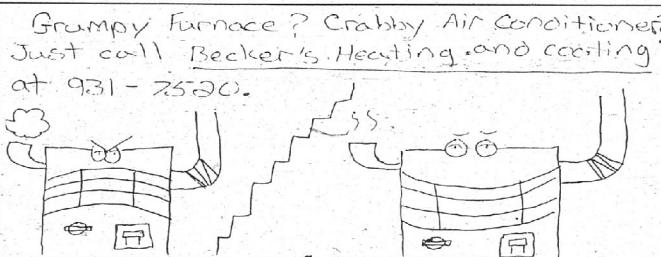


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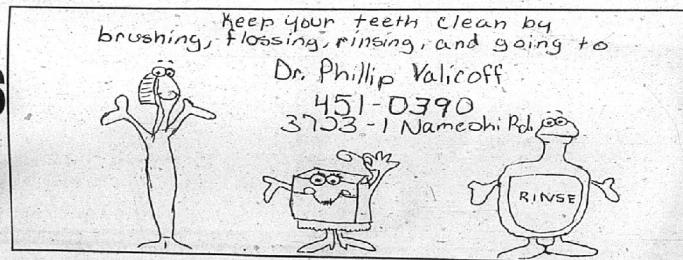
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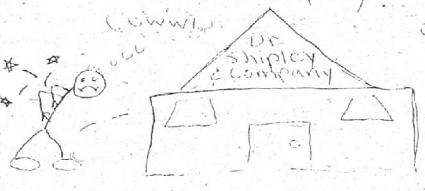
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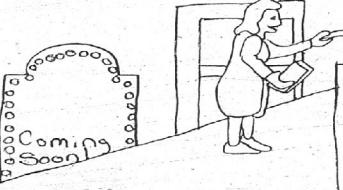


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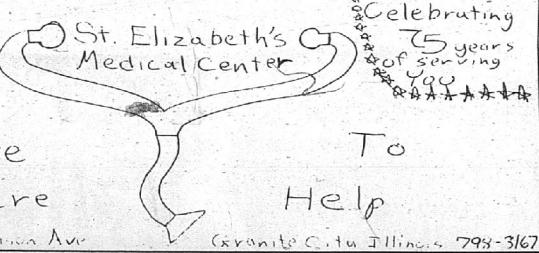


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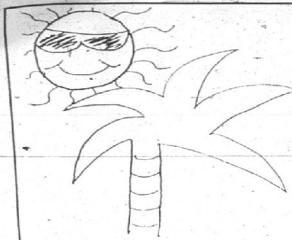
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Sauve, a 1981 graduate of Belleville West High School and a 1996 graduate of Belleville Area College in Belleville, is employed by Memorial Hospital in Belleville as a physical therapist aide.

Burris, a 1983 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed by S.C.I. in Madison as an electrician.

An April 26, 1997, wedding is being planned.

Eagles Auxiliary meets

The last meeting in January of the Eagles Auxiliary was opened by President Susan Allen. Three officers were out sick—Conductor Helen Mihu, Trustee Florence Hagnauer and Secretary Shirley Thompson.

Secretary Vincine Zerlan read the re-enrollment of Barbara Gagich. Motion was made and seconded to approve her re-enrollment. Three new applications were read from the floor.

A letter was read from grand aerie; enclosed was a good egg sucker for December. Thank-you cards were received from Shirley Thompson's family, Russ and Belinda Estates, State President Helen Mihu, and Good Eddie Chairman Marilyn Oyon. Also, a letter was received from Parents of Special Education.

Visiting Chairman Mildred P. Allen received cards from Hazel McCormick, Carol Buckley and Carol Miller. She sent a sympathy card to Bob and Sharon Hogan.

Motion was made and seconded to buy a half-page ad in

the State Convention booklet. The charter will be draped in memory of Shirley Thompson at our next meeting.

Allen talked about the District 7 meeting, to be held Jan. 14 in Alton.

Discussion was held on a dance and benefit for a member who has cancer. Details will be formulated soon.

Jackpot winner was Donna Shireman. No one was present and therefore, there was no winner. Good of the Auxiliary was won by Vincine Zerlan and Linda Jackson.

Child Abuse Chairman Jean Mezo thanked all the ladies who worked for the state project at the officers weekend.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostesses Mary Church and LaVerne Malyzenski.

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Michael Saitchuk and Deborah Wyant, both of Granite City.

Scott Toth and Carie Ward, both of Troy.

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Carl Witt Jr. and Patricia Wilson both of Granite City.

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Nathaniel Sauer and Terri Bowes, both of Troy.

Mark Krome of Glen Carbon and Cynthia Fox of Wood River.

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'Devil's Own' leading man slam dunks big budget film

Long before the critics could get their hands on the follow-up thriller "The Devil's Own," leading man Brad Pitt was basking the production and ruffling studio feathers.

"It was ridiculous," Pitt said, describing the

much-ballyhooed Columbia Pictures release. "It was the most irresponsible bit of filmmaking if you can call it that," he said. "I couldn't believe it," Pitt declared in a Newsweek interview.

Neither could many industry-insiders, stunned by the film's description of the troubled production.

"I salute Brad Pitt," says Ray Carney, professor of film at Boston University. "Truth is so uncommon in the whole publicity business that when a movie dares veer an inch toward the truth, it makes headlines."

But Pitt's public hissy fit was just the latest snag in a devilishly troubled episode of film-making.

Sparke apparently flew on the set of "The Devil's Own," in which Pitt plays an Irish Republican Army gunrunner who befriends an unsuspecting Irish-American cop, played by Harrison Ford.

Rumors of fighting — especially over which star would be the focus of the film — plagued the production. The original was too long, and there were at least seven subsequent rewrites. Pitt said the final version was a mess.

Pitt, who reportedly won't cut, was told to put his money where his mouth

was when Columbia Pictures head Mark Canton threatened the star with a \$63 million lawsuit.

"A lot of people, of course, would like to cringe and hide," says Bill Guagenti, an entertainment analyst at New York's Cowen & Co.

And after all the public fuss, Pitt blinked.

I am not bashing the film or Mark," he said. "The actor said in a statement released by his publicist Cindy Guagenti. "On the contrary, what resulted from this challenge was hard work and dedication from people I've grown to love and respect and a film I am very proud of."

He also wrote to Newsweek a week later that his criticism was only about financial problems and "had nothing to do with my experience shooting the film or the film as a final product."

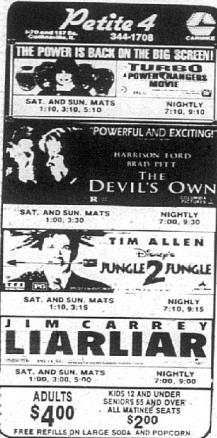
The actor's furious barking was unexpected, says Vogel. "Usually the people involved on a film are contractually obligated to help promote the film whether they like it or not."

The movie, whose budget skyrocketed to an reported \$95 million, is due in theaters on March 26. According to Columbia Pictures, Pitt will join Ford on the talk show and advertising blitz for the movie.

Still, Pitt's fling with rebellion — however brief — was cheered by those long jaded by Hollywood schmoozing.

"I admire him for daring to say what he truly felt," says Carney. "I think it's refreshing and encouraging. May many more stars steer

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By Tom Strongman

There's something reassuring about driving a car that will call for help if you need it.

That's right, if you are in an accident where the air bags deploy, the car will call for help and tell the ambulance exactly where you are. OnStar, incidentally, the OnStar system will summon emergency help if it is automatically activated whenever the air bags go off.

OnStar, available exclusively on 1997 Cadillacs, is not just an emergency service. It is a full-service communications system, and the Cadillac De Ville Concours I was driving was so equipped.

OnStar integrates a Global Positioning System (GPS) into the voice-activated, hands-free cellular phone. When you press a button on the cell phone it always knows precisely where you are, even when you don't have 40 trained service advisors at the OnStar center. It turns a day seven days a week in Farmington Hills, Mich. They can give you route directions over the phone if you are lost, or are looking for a specific place. You can even call an ambulance or police car for you, send a tow truck and even unlock the doors if you get locked out. OnStar even can track your car if it is stolen.

It costs \$895 plus dealer installation and about \$22,50 per month.

OnStar is the result of collaboration between General Motors North American Operations, Delco Electronics, Hughes Electronics Corp. and Electronic Data Systems.

Lincoln and BMW offer less-comprehensive systems, but only OnStar has automatic notification in case of air bag deployment.

OnStar currently has agreements with some hotel, gas, floral and travel companies, and can, for example, make reservations for you while you drive. Or direct you to a service station.

While Cadillac's research indicates most of these services have appeal to women, 73 percent of all people surveyed expressed interest in being able to get help immediately during an emergency.

It's a good idea, but I have an experience that I had with the service, it was comforting to know it was there if needed.

The Concours is one of my favorite Cadillacs because it has the 275-horsepower Northstar V-8, but this year it has been refined with a host of technical innovations.

One such addition is StabiliTrak, a system that uses various yaw and lateral sensors to maintain the car's direction. If the car is not following the intended path, such as fishtailing on a slippery turn, StabiliTrak applies various combinations of traction control and brake to straighten the vehicle. This complex system adds considerable peace of mind to driving in inclement weather.

A rain-sensing system automatically lowers the wipers when rain falls. Side air bags in front of the vehicle are standard as well.

Up front, a revised grill and headlights give the Concours a slightly new look. Underneath, the body structure has been refined to lessen interior noise and give a firmer feel.

This year the Concours finally gets the interior it deserves.

The instrumentation and secondary switches are now models of elegance and simplicity. The wide, flat buttons and knobs for radio and climate control are as nice as any in the industry, even if they're nearly identical to those in a Lexus.

It's interesting how the dash and console transform the whole car, making it friendlier and easier to use. The atmosphere is warmer because the ergonomic wood inserts and plenty of leather.

There is seating for five. I would prefer that the front bucket seats have more contouring for better lateral support, but in general they are comfortable places to sit for long drives.

The dual-overhead-camshaft (DOHC) engine, too, contributes to the Concours' overall friendliness because it is such a reliable partner.

Stamp on the gas and it just goes. The exhaust pipe's muted shriek is an earful delight that says this is no old person's car.

While the ride is Cadillac smooth, handling is still reasonably athletic.



because the Road-Sensing Suspension adjusts rapidly to driving conditions. The Concours accedes itself reasonably on twisting roads, and absolutely excels at bringing the car down the interstate.

The base price of our test car was \$41,995. It was equipped with optional AM/FM stereo with compact disc player, DSI active audio, electronic compass and garage door opener.

The sticker price was \$43,952.

The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Even though the De Ville Concours is a technical tour de force, the available OnStar system adds peace of mind and security, while StabiliTrak enhances handling and performance in all kinds of weather.

The simplified instruments make the De Ville Concours a Cadillac that appeals to all ages.

Coupepoint. Minor styling changes for 1997 make the De Ville look more contemporary, but the styling remains traditional and conservative.

The seats could use more lateral support.

Legislators taking aim at safety inspections

By Rick Stoff

A Missouri state senator has publicly declared state motor vehicle safety inspections "a pain in the butt" and led the Senate to pass a bill that would end them here.

It is up to the House of Representatives to decide whether to go along with the plan. On what grounds will it base its decision?

First: Is the annual inspection truly a pain? Well, that answer probably is yes. The state inspection is a time-consuming, costly process that ranks right up there with the trip to the dentist in glamour.

Second: Should Missouri keep its inspections? (Should Illinois start such a program?) Do the inspections do any good? There is some evidence that they do bring some benefit, although it takes some statistical manipulation to figure that out. It's one of those instances in which it is difficult to prove negative causation.

It is very difficult to quantify, in terms of accident reduction, the impact of safety inspections. Mike Right of the Automobile Club of Missouri, "Missouri is one of the better state inspection programs. The rate of accidents in Missouri involving a motor vehicle defect is about half the national average."

Right does not require annual automobile or truck safety inspections, but Missouri, 20 other states and the District of Columbia do require them. As for Missouri's other Midwestern neighbors, only Oklahoma and Arkansas also have state safety inspection programs.

The analysis of accident data from 1989 through 1994 by the Missouri State Highway Patrol found that vehicle defects are linked to one in every 50 fatal accidents nationally. During the three years studied by the patrol, accidents linked with defects resulted in 373 deaths.

While registered in states that require safety inspections, more drivers in fatal accidents at the rate of one in 50 fatal crashes in Missouri defects are discovered in just one in 105 vehicles involved in fatal accidents.

The patrol acknowledges that such statistical comparisons are difficult to make because data in the U.S. Fatal Accident Reporting System come from reports filed by thousands of different law officers who may not have the training, equipment or time to complete a thorough investigation of every accident.

Right, the patrol contends, those factors may cloud the actual occurrence of accidents caused by vehicle defects because some defects simply are not discovered.

The state inspections cover such mechanical features as brakes, tires, steering, suspension, exhaust, headlights, turn signals, horn, mirrors, wipers and wheels. Right views the inspections as as good deal for motorists.

"The consumer is getting a real bargain, frankly, to have all of those items inspected for \$7," he said. "If you went into a repair shop and asked to have all of those items inspected, it would conceivably cost you \$30 to \$50."

"You get the satisfaction of knowing your vehicle is roadworthy and safe and the reassurance of knowing everybody else on the road has a vehicle that is safe," he said.

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Haste really does make waste, especially at tax time

Here we go again. There's only one week left in the tax filling season, and nearly half of you still haven't filed your 1996 Federal tax returns.

Because most mistakes are made when you're in a hurry, I have some tips for you to follow.

First, it's extremely important to make sure you enter the correct Social Security numbers on your tax return. In addition, this year you must have an SSN for any person born before Dec. 1, 1996 who you claim as an exemption or

as a qualifying person for the earned income tax credit or dependent care credit.

It's best to check the SS cards to make sure all numbers and names match the information you put on your tax return. Don't mix names. If a name has changed due to marriage or divorce, be sure to report the change to the Social Security Administration before you file your tax return.

Second, allow enough time to complete your return, so you can set it aside and pick it up

a day or two later and recheck it.

Most common mistakes people make when they're in a hurry include math errors, picking up wrong tax fractions, claiming the wrong filing status, miscalculating the earned income tax credit, entering items in the wrong line, and forgetting to attach the W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or other necessary schedules to the return.

Every year people forget to sign their return.

Remember, if it's a joint

return, we need both signatures.

If you know you won't have all the information needed to complete and file your return by the April 15 deadline, plan to request an extension. Complete and mail Form 4868 by April 15, and get an automatic four-month extension of time to file. You have until Aug. 15 to send in your completed return. You still must estimate your tax liability on Form 4868. It's best to pay any additional tax you owe with your extension request.

If you complete your return or an extension and find you owe money, but can't pay, file any way. The penalty for failure to file a timely tax return is 10 times greater than the penalty for failing to pay on time.

Pay as much as you can when you file your return and we'll bill you the rest. Then pay the remaining amount when you receive the bill. If you're still unable to pay the amount owed, be sure to contact us when you get the bill to make payment arrangements.

If the amount you owe is more than you can borrow from family, friends or the bank, you can request a monthly payment agreement by completing and attaching Form 9465 to your return. You'll be notified if your request is accepted. There's an up-front charge for setting up an installment agreement, and penalties and interest will continue to accumulate until the tax bill is paid in full.

This article was written by Robert W. Brock, IRS district director.

Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, March 30. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMICHEL PETITE

7-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinville, 344-1708
Liar, Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:10, 3:15, 7:10, 9:15
Devil's Own (R) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00

COTTONWOOD

EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill.
Liar, Liar (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
Vegas Vacation (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:15
LINCOLN THEATER
103 W. Main Street, 233-0123
Michael (PG) 1:45, 7:15, 9:25
Metro (R) 1:30, 7:00, 9:20
Metropolis (G) 1:30, 7:00
The Relic (PG) 9:15

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Hwy. 157, 233-4550

Scream (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30

Vegas Vacation (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 7:00

O'FALLON 15 CINE

1322 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 622-4900

Liar, Liar (PG-13) 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20
Liar, Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50
Reynolds (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Star Wars (PG) 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
String Blade (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 1:20, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10
Return Of The Jedi (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:05, 9:05
Cats Don't Dance (G) 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 7:05, 9:05
Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
Absolute Power (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:20, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:00
Star Wars (PG) 12:00, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:00
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20
Donnie Brisco (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

QUAD CINEMA

Bellefonte, Ill.
Liar, Liar (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:00, 9:45
Devil's Own (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 6:45, 7:00, 8:30
Return Of The Jedi (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

RITZ THEATER

403 E. Main St., Belleville, 233-3534

101 Dalmatians (G) 1:15, 6:00, 8:45,

Beavis & Butthead Do America (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 264-6746

Dante's Peak (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8383

Rosewood (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00

Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:20, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20

Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

Star Wars (PG) 12:00, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:00

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Devil's Own (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

Reynolds (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

Beavis & Butthead Do America (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 264-6746

Dante's Peak (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

ST. CLAIR 10

2640 Clark St., 482-1131

Time Patrol (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:25

Selena (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

AVALON

4228 S. Kingshighway, 352-2424

Return Of The Jedi (PG) 2:00, 4:30

Michael (PG) 7:00

Beavis & Butthead Do America (PG-13) 8:15

CHESTERFIELD

88th and Franklin, 632-0185

Absolute Power (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10

Private Parts (R) 4:45

String Blade (PG-13) 2:20, 5:15, 7:30

Reynolds (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15

Cats Don't Dance (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

CLARKSON 6 CINE

1785 Clarkson Road, 822-4800

Returns Of The Jedi (PG) 1:10, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Liar, Liar (PG-13) 1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

The Sixth Man (PG-13) 1:10, 2:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40

Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:20, 2:20, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30

Devil's Own (R) 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 10:10

String Blade (R) 12:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

CHESTERFIELD

24th and Crawford Plaza, 958-8500

The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:30, 2:00, 4:30

Michael (PG) 7:00

Beavis & Butthead Do America (PG-13) 8:15

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1785 Clarkson Road, 822-4800

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The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:30, 2:00, 4:30

Michael (PG) 7:00

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KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE

7605 Watson Road, 822-4900

Devil's Own (R) 1:10, 4:50

Absolute Power (R) 2:10, 7:30

Cats Don't Dance (G) 1:45, 3:30, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

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The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:30, 2:00, 4:30

Michael (PG) 7:00

Beavis & Butthead Do America (PG-13) 8:15

KENNICK 8 CINE

7605 Watson Road, 822-4900

Liar, Liar (PG-13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30

Shine (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:25

String Blade (R) 12:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

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CHESTERFIELD

24th and Crawford Plaza, 958-8500

The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:30, 2:00, 4:30

Michael (PG) 7:00

Beavis & Butthead Do America (PG-13) 8:15

VILLAGE SQUARE

100 Village Square Shopping Center, 828-1050

Check theater for shows and times

SHADY OAK CINE

Forsyth and Hanley Road, 727-2319

The English Patient (R) 1:30, 5:00, 8:30

WESTPORT

910 Westport Plaza, 822-4900

When We Were Kings (PG) 2:00, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Citizen Ruth (R) 1:30, 4:30, 6:00, 8:00, 10:30

Hamlet (PG-13) 7:00

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NEWS

Summer job applications now available

Applications are now being accepted for summer jobs for economically disadvantaged youth through the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program.

The program is federally-funded through the Job Training Partnership Act and administered in five counties by the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Commission. Counties included in the program are Clinton, Monroe, Randolph and Washington.

The summer jobs are available for 800 economically disadvantaged youths between the ages of 16 and 21, living within the five county area.

Those participating in the program will work at such places as local government agencies, schools, community-based organizations, and private and public

non-profit agencies.

"The program will again build on the strategy undertaken last year that combined work and learning," St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic said.

Those eligible for the program will receive about 300 hours of work during a 10-week period, at a wage of \$5.15 per hour. The beginning of the program is set for Aug. 15. Those in the program will be monitored by supervisors from the grants department, Employment and Training Division Manager Steve Schneider said.

"We've got a lot of people out in the work force for the first time. It's a learning experience," he said.

Schneider said youths in the program are matched with their site based on several factors, including previous

experience and the availability of transportation.

"It's something that is beneficial for a lot of people," Schneider said.

Applications for the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program can be picked up at:

— Belleville Employment and Training Center, 4519 West Main St., Belleville; phone number is 236-0630.

— East St. Louis Employment and Training Center, 1072 Fairfax, Carlyle; phone number is 875-4537.

— Clinton County Employment and Training Center, 1072 Fairfax, Carlyle; phone number is 875-4537.

— Monroe County Employment and Training Center, 100 South Main, Room 19, Waterloo, phone number is 939-3332.

Bowlers raise money for children

ALTON — One of the people bowling to raise money for the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program knows firsthand the value of the program.

Jennifer Sebold said the girls she has been paired with are products of single-parent families in which the mother works.

"I didn't imagine growing up without having two people there for me," said Jennifer Sebold in explaining how she got involved with the program. She paired up with two frames Sunday at the Alton Bowl, Haven lanes on Humbert Road to tell about the program she was helping.

Sebold, 23, of Alton, has been a big sis to two teenagers and developed a warm relationship with them.

Her current little sister is 12 and calls for advice on how to handle life, Sebold said.

"We discuss boyfriend problems. She asks, 'Which one is the best?'"

She said the two do all kinds of things together.

"Sometimes we just hang out or do homework," said Sebold, a student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she is studying to be a high school teacher.

The girls are normal but need a little extra attention, she said.

"They just need a strong role model," she said.

"A lot of people think that for kids to be involved in the program, there has to be something wrong with them, but that's not the case."

Sebold said she enjoys the program and gets a lot out of it.

"It's like having another friend. It's something I can do that makes me feel good," she

said.

Barbara Cempura, the executive director of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois, said the Sunday Bowl for Kids' Sake at Bowl Haven was a big success.

She said more than 120 people responded to bowl and raised \$20,000 for the organization.

The turnout was the result of a vigorous promotion, she said. "We called a lot of people and businesses."

Cempura said the money goes for screening volunteers, matching the volunteers with young people and similar administrative functions.

Bowlers obtained pledges, either at a flat rate or for a certain amount for every pin they knocked down.

The organization was founded in 1980 and has helped form more than 1,200

one-to-one relationships between at-risk children and responsible adult role models.

The adult volunteers are carefully screened, trained and supervised by the agency and serve as mentors, friends and positive examples to children living in one-parent homes.

Ronita Wiegand of Brighton was the big-money raiser for Sunday's event, bringing in \$1,120.

Wiegand, who works for State Farm Insurance Co., said she got pledges from other agents, co-workers and from state headquarters in Bloomington.

In addition to the 40 who pledged set amounts, two donors pledged a total of 30 cents a pin. Wiegand bowled a 120 then fell to 93 in the next game.

— From The Telegraph

BAC offers advocate linking

Belleville Area College is offering the Personal Advocate Linking Service, a new student support program.

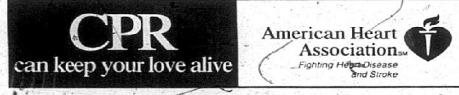
Sponsored by the school's Center for Academic Innovations and Career Placement Center, PALS smooths the college process by referring students to the proper department or division for any given situation and troubleshooting for students if they run into red tape. Services include everything from providing assistance with financial aid and other forms of financial aid to connecting students with counselors accompanying students to help resolve problems and assisting new students as they enroll in BAC.

PALS is funded by a special initiative grant from the state of Illinois. Although the program's services are available to all BAC students, it mainly targets students who receive financial aid in the form of Pell Grants.

"It's a great service," said BAC student Robert Middendorf. "PALS has taken an interest in me personally. More people should take advantage of this free service offered at BAC."

Besides acting as a guide, another underlying mission of the PALS program is to ensure that new and at-risk students stay enrolled in college. Administrators hope to achieve this by emphasizing career success, helping students to get jobs related to their areas of study, providing relevant workshops and providing access to career services.

For more information, contact the PALS program by calling 1-800/BAC-5131, Ext. 558, or 235-2700, Ext. 558.



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•Refund

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Questions: After you enter the requested information, you'll receive a message telling you the status of your refund. The message can range from: Your return has been received, to: There's a problem and you should call our assistance lines; to, the date your refund will be issued. Refund information is updated once a week, so please wait seven days before calling again.

I'm often asked why people have to wait eight weeks before calling to check on their refund. Let me explain.

The Kansas City Service Center, where the federal tax returns filed by Illinois taxpayers are processed, receives more than 12 million returns during the filing season. The service center receives about 800,000 returns each week in February and more than 1,000,000 returns each week during March. Nearly half of all tax returns arrive during April.

During the last week of the filing season, nearly 4,000,000 returns arrive, one week later, after another unfolds. Returns arrive every day. As you can imagine, it takes a while to process all those returns.

If you move, be sure to complete a post office change-of-address card so your refund check can be forwarded. Also, notify the IRS of your change of address by sending in Form 8822, Change of Address.

If your refund check is returned as undeliverable, we can replace it in six to eight weeks. However, if your check is stolen and cashed, it could take as long as a year to complete the investigation and issue a new check.

The best way to avoid the problem of lost or stolen refund checks, and to speed up a refund, is to request that your refund be directly deposited into your bank account.

No matter how you file, it's easier this year to select Direct Deposit. Just check that option on your return and provide the necessary information. There's no extra form to fill out, no trip to the bank, no risk of a lost or stolen check, and best of all, you get your money a week sooner.

And just a note for tax planners: If you filed a paper return this year or next year, you might want to consider one of the faster methods — by telephone or computer.

This article was written by Robert W. Brock, IRS district director.

Give Our Children A Break... Drive Carefully And Save Lives!